Regional Assembly

First Christian Church, Portland

Through These Hands

May 18-19, 2018

The Christian Church • La Iglesia Cristiana

Oregon & southwest Idaho
Rev. Sandhya Jha

serves as founder and director of the Oakland Peace Center, a collective of 40 organizations creating access, equity and dignity for all in Oakland and the Bay Area. Rev. Jha's commitments to interfaith and interracial work were shaped by her Scottish (Presbyterian) mother and Indian (Hindu) father.

Former pastor of First Christian Church of Oakland and former Director of Interfaith Programs at East Bay Housing Organizations, Rev. Jha is the author of Room at the Table, the history of people of color in the Disciples of Christ, and Pre-Post-Racial America: Spiritual Stories from the Front Lines on the subject of race and spirituality in America.

Rev. Dr. Timothy M. James

serves as the Associate General Minister and Administrative Secretary of the National Convocation of the Christian Church (Disciples of Christ) in the United States and Canada. Prior to serving in this post, Rev. James served as pastor at Fifth Christian Church Cleveland, Ohio for twenty-five years.

Rev. James is a graduate of United Theological Seminary in Dayton, OH Christian Theological Seminary in Indianapolis, Culver-Stockton-College in Canton, MO; and Alameda Community College in Alameda, CA. Rev. James is a third generation Disciples of Christ preacher. He will, however, be the first to say that he appreciates this family lineage and heritage, but he understands, this is not a criteria for salvation. He is glad to be able to say, “I know Jesus for myself.”

Blanca Isabel Puma Martinez

Blanca is a native Quiteña and brings with her more than 13 years of experience at FEDICE, first as Project Coordinator and now as Executive Director. As the fearless leader of FEDICE's staff and volunteers, Blanca heads up community relations, donor relations, communications, program development and staff management — applying a healthy dose of creativity and determination to every task she takes on. Blanca has a degree in Medical Technology & Environmental Sanitation from the Central University of Ecuador. Recently FEDICE has been working with earthquake recovery efforts in Ecuador in partnership with Week of Compassion. Blanca lives with her husband, Luis, in Quito, Ecuador.
How do Disciples financially support the Christian Church in Oregon & SW Idaho in our common mission?

**Congregations**
- Disciples Mission Fund in church budget
- Designated Regional giving
- Promoting Christmas offering
- Sharing a percentage of bequest gifts
- Giving a gift to the Oregon Disciple Foundation to increase our investments

**Individuals**
- Annual fund gifts
- Christmas offering
- Capital gifts
- On-line giving
- Remembering the Regional Church or the Oregon Disciple Foundation in your will

### Congregations who have given designated gifts to the Regional Church in 2016-17

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<th>Congregation</th>
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### Operating and Program Expenses

- **Staffing**: 51%
- **Outreach**: 11%
- **Travel**: 10%
- **Designated Program Ministries**: 19%
- **Administration**: 9%

Thank you to the 13 congregations who gave designated financial gifts to the Christian Church in Oregon & SW Idaho in 2016 and/or 2017.

How are Oregon and SW Idaho Church Ministry Funds spent?
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<th>2016 32 of 45 congregations</th>
<th>Disciples Mission Fund Givers</th>
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<td><strong>$206,854</strong></td>
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Special Day Offerings

2016
Reconciliation $  9,111
Easter $10,884
Pentecost $  7,524
Thanksgiving $  6,551

2017
Reconciliation $9,851
Easter $8,808
Pentecost $4,642
Thanksgiving $6,134

Reconciliation is the fund for programs and projects moving the church and community toward racial justice. 50% of these gifts remain in our Regional Church for racial justice ministries.

Easter offering is given to the global mission and domestic mission arms of our church.

Pentecost offering is given to support new congregations in training leaders and beginning their ministries. 50% of these gifts remain in our regional church supporting new congregation starts here.

Thanksgiving offering is used to support our colleges and seminaries as they train leaders for the church and the world.

How is the Regional Church Funded?

- Disciples Mission Fund 54%
- Designated Regional Giving 10%
- Annual Fund 6%
- Christmas Offering 6%
- Property Income 11%
- Other 4%
- Investment 9%
- Operating Fund
## Christmas Offering 2016-17

### 2016
- Springfield: 3,610
- Murray Hills: 1,805
- Salem First: 1,467
- Boise, Red Rock: 1,231
- Eugene First: 1,095
- Nampa: 827
- Parkview, Meridian: 673
- Portland First: 545
- Medford: 466
- Pendleton: 359
- Albany: 275
- The View: 207
- Junction City: 178
- Treasure Valley Caldwell: 125
- Corvallis: 123
- Keizer: 100
- New Hope: 60
- La Grande: 50
- Homedale: 50
- Lebanon: 10
- Mountain Home: 10

**Total:** $13,828

22 of 45 congregations participating

### 2017
- Murray Hills: 2,382
- Silverton: 1,635
- Salem, First: 1,455
- Red Rock, Boixe: 1,045
- Pendleton: 625
- Medford: 573
- Hood River: 550
- Portland First: 410
- Parkview: 387
- Caldwell, Treasure Valley: 302
- Springfield First: 270
- Lynchwood: 256
- Albany: 237
- LaGrande: 175
- Junction City: 150
- Keizer: 110
- New Hope: 100
- The View: 100
- Homedale: 75
- Mountain Home: 25
- Corvallis: 20

**Total:** $10,882

21 of 45 congregations participating

Thank you to the 24 Christian Church congregations that gave Christmas offerings in 2016 and/or 2017.
Regional Board of Directors

Moderator
Geoff Speidel
Hood River Valley Christian
Moderator-Elect
Erik Free
Keizer Christian
1st Vice Moderator
Robi Ingram-Rich
Portland First Christian
2nd Vice Moderator
Judy Meneghin
Murray Hills Christian
Treasurer
Donna Culley
Ontario First Christian
Commission on Finance
Craig Johnson
Salem First Christian
Commission on Ministry
Shari Eggleston
The View
New Church Committee
David Eggleston
The View
Blue Mountain Rivers Dist.
Joe Culley
Ontario First Christian
Al Altnow
John Day First Christian
Columbia Gorge Dist.
Alissa Blair
Lynchwood, Portland
Tom Harry
The View
Brenda Mikota
Portland First Christian
Scenic Rivers Dist.
Pamela Dye
Medford First Christian
Lee Ferguson
Medford First Christian
Sharon Warner
Eugene First Christian
Santiam River Dist.
Marcus Clark
Silverton First Christian
Agustin Martinez
Escudo y Fortaleza, Salem
Donna Lewelling
Lebanon First Christian
Snake River Dist.
Roy Johnson
Meridian, Parkview Christian
Melissa Painter
Boise, Red Rock Christian
Lena Webb
Nampa First Christian
Men’s Ministries
Brian Ponzar
Medford First Christian
Women’s Ministries
Renee Windsor-White
Albany First Christian
Youth Ministries
Position Unfilled
Congregational Reps.
Gary Allen, New Hope, Meridian
Barbara Utt, Northwood, Springfield
Susi McCall, Burley First Christian
Jani DeMond, Treasure Valley, Caldwell
Darren Anderson, Dallas First Christian
Karen Glass, Grants Pass First Christian
Jon Pifer, Midway Christian, Portland
Bill Bamber, Mountain Home
General Board Representatives
Bernice Rivera, Beaverton, Murray Hills
Rebecca Smith, Medford First Christian

Names in bold typeface are nominees for election at the 2018 Regional Assembly Business Session

Ministers or their spouses who have died since May 2016

Russell Myers, July 2016
Cornelio Garcia, October 2016
Herb Whitaker, September 2016
Milele Hobbs, January 2017
Frank Betzer, May 2017
David Perry, July 2017
George Kendall, April 2018
Ginny Busic, October 2016
Doris Stanley, November 2016
Royal Ewing, January 2017
Lois Pifer, March 2017
Don Jarman, May 2017
Lynnie Evans, March 2018
Dale Sawyer, April 2018

Hebrews 4:10
“10 For those who receive that rest which God promised will rest from their own work, just as God rested from God’s own work.”
Ministers called to congregations and
Currently in service since the last Regional Assembly

Albany, First  Tim Graves, Lead Pastor
Boise, Red Rock  Kevin Arnesman, Senior Pastor
Eugene, Glenwood  Erin Curtis, Yoked Pastorate
Grants Pass, First  Greg Widener, Senior Pastor
Hillsboro, Rio de Dios  Noelia Garcia
Ione Community Church  Michael Crouch, Interim
Junction City, First  David Bonderant, Pastor
Keizer  Erik Free, Pastor
Lebanon, First  Zane Ridings, Pastor
Medford, First  Stacy Shelton, Pastor
Meridian, Parkview  Justin McMurdie
Portland, First  Bill and Mary Jacobs, Interims
Salem, First  Taylor Lind, Youth Pastor
Salem, First  David Decker, Pastor of Administration/Visitation

New and Affiliating Congregations in the 21st Century

Fully Recognized Congregations
The View Christian Church, Portland
Iglesia Cristiana Escudo y Fortaleza, Salem
Ione Community Church, Ione
Peniel Ministries, Portland
Trees of Righteousness, Portland

Congregations in Formation
Iglesia Cristiana Principe de Paz, Portland
Portsmouth Union Church, Portland
Rio de Dios, Hillsboro

Affiliating Congregations
Christ Church, Portland
Chuukese Fellowship, Salem
Iglesia Nueva Vida, Gresham
La Viña, Troutdale
Pacific Islands Family Church, Portland
This docket is published on our website under the Regional Assembly Link. We encourage you to share the information in the docket with your congregational boards and other leadership.

The following web sites can help you to learn more about the Christian Church in Oregon and SW Idaho and the Christian Church (Disciples of Christ) in the United States and Canada.

www.oidisciples.org Christian Church in Oregon and SW Idaho
www.disciples.org Christian Church (Disciples of Christ)
www.globalministries.org Our global partnerships
www.weekofcompassion.org Our disaster and development fund
www.fedice.org Our partners in Ecuador
Our Facebook Page Christian Church in Oregon and SW Idaho

For updated information by email, sign up for the on-line news services of

Common Current sign up on www.oidisciples.org
A regular update of regional church news

Disciples News Service sign up on www.disciples.org
A weekly update of whole church news

Week of Compassion Updates sign up on www.weekofcompassion.org
A semi-regular update of disaster and development response

Dates to remember!!

- Regional Board Meeting June 2, 2018
- Kid’s Camp Snake River District, Ontario First Christian June 15-17, 2018
- Cascade Camps June 25-29, Juniors, July 30-August 4 Chi Rho and CYF
- Suttle Lake Camps July 25-29, High School July 30-August 3, Grade School/Middle School
- North American/Pacific Asian Disciples, Convocation, Portland, FCC August 8-11, 2018
- Women’s Retreat, Trinity Pines, Cascade, Idaho September 7-9, 2018
- Women’s Retreat, Murray Hills Christian, Beaverton October 12-13, 2018

AND........................Mark your Calendars now!!!!

Regional Assembly, May 15-16, 2020
Salem First Christian

Featured Speaker Rev. Sotello Long, President of Disciples Home Missions
Watch our website, Facebook Page and Email Blasts as plans develop.
The Christian Church in Oregon & SW Idaho is a community of 45 congregations, speaking 3 languages and witnessing to the love of God in 17 Oregon counties and 5 Idaho counties.

We belong to a worldwide network of Christians in 70 countries and enjoy partnerships in ministries such as hospitals, schools, development projects, disaster relief and training of church leaders.

Our congregations have a long term mission partnership with the FEDICE ministry headquartered in Quito, Ecuador, sending and receiving guests for almost 20 years.

We are governed by a representative Board of Directors which meets three times a year and an Executive Committee which handles business matters between the board meetings. The regional church gathers every two years in assembly with Disciples from across our geography in attendance.

Next Regional Assembly is...

May 15-16, 2020
Hosted by First Christian Church Salem, Oregon